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SUBJECT: PRESS ITEM ON US-GREEK BASE NEGOTIATIONS

1. ATHENS PRESS APR 12 CARRIED VARIATIONS ON AN AP TICKER WHICH CITED "WELL-INFORMED SOURCES" ON THE STATUS OF US-GREEK BASE NEGOTIATIONS. THE ACCOUNTS INCLUDED INTER ALIA THE FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE MAKING PROGRESS, (B) THE GREEK SIDE HAS NOW CLEARLY SET FORTH ITS POSITION, (C) THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF TALKS WILL DEPEND ON WHAT RESPONSE THE US SIDE WILL MAKE, (D) TWO TO THREE BASES WILL BE CLOSED WHILE TWO TO THREE RETAINED, (E) US SIDE INSISTS UPON RETENTION OF HELLENIKON AB AND NAMFI, AND GREEK SIDE APPARENTLY HAS NO PROBLEM WITH THESE TWO SITES, (F) US NEGOTIATORS INSIST ON MAINTENANCE OF US TELE-COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES IN GREECE, AND (G) NEGOTIATIONS MAY END THIS WEEK.

2. GREEK RADIO APRIL 13 AND PRESS OF APRIL 14 CARRIED FURTHER
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COMMENT FROM "AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE" THAT NEGOTIATORS

WERE CONCENTRATING ON BASIC PRINCIPLES AND ESSENTIAL MATTERS
AND NOT JOINING IN QUID PRO QUO BARGAINING, AND THAT NEITHER
SIDE COULD YET DETERMINE WHEN NEGOTIATIONS WOULD END.

3. COMMENT: LOCAL AP BUREAU WOULD NOT IDENTIFY ITS
"SOURCES" WHICH FROM TEXT APPEAR TO COME FROM GREEK SIDE.
THE LATER CAVEATS IN PARA 2 WERE CARRIED IN OFFICIAL ATHENS
NEWS AGENCY BULLETIN AND ORIGINATED MOST PROBABLY WITH
THE GOG OFFICE OF PRESS AND INFORMATION.
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